Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Destination ImagiNation was developed by parents, teachers, team managers, appraisers, regional directors, affiliate directors and others who have the desire to help create the best possible creative problem solving program for teams of up to seven students; and,

Whereas, Olympics of the Mind began in South Dakota in 1981, becoming Odyssey of the Mind in 1984, and in 1999, South Dakota adopted the new name change of Destination ImagiNation; and,

Whereas, The purpose of Destination ImagiNation is to foster creative and critical thinking; learn and apply a deliberate creative problem solving method; develop teamwork, collaboration and leadership skills; nurture research and inquiry skills, involving both creative exploration and attention to detail; enhance and apply written and verbal communication and presentation skills, both impromptu and sustained; promote the recognition, use and development of many varied strengths and talents; encourage competence in, enthusiasm for, and commitment to real-life problem solving; and,

Whereas, In South Dakota, approximately 165 teams from 50 communities/schools totaling 1,000 students participate, along with an additional 500 volunteer adults who make the program run smoothly for a year; and,

Whereas, Destination ImagiNation is the largest and fastest growing academic competition in the world and, annually offers a unique set of five competitive challenges to students from kindergarten through college:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 20-26, 2004, as

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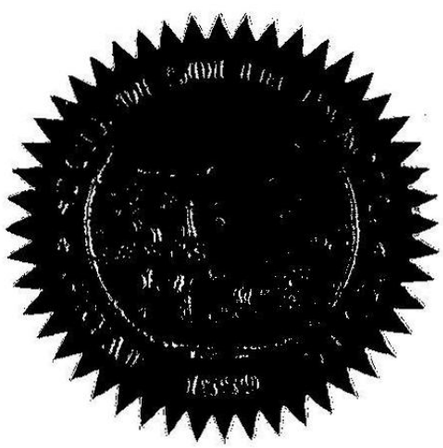
in South Dakota, and urge all citizens to encourage today's youth and tomorrow's leaders to challenge themselves to reach their full potential.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State